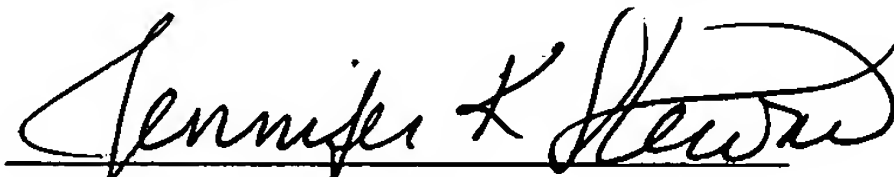


REMARKS

In the above amendments, Applicant cancels claims 1 – 15, without prejudice. Because the Panel allowed claims 16 – 21, Applicant submits that the pending application stands in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance. Should any issues remain, Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned so that such issues may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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